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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** June 27, 2000

**To:** Food and Drug Administration

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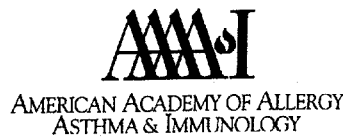
**Re:** Public Hearings on Over-the-Counter Drug Products (docket no. 00N-1256)

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The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) regret that they are unable to send a representative to the Food and Drug Administration hearings on the regulation of over-the-counter drug products. Attached is a statement that the Academy and College would like entered into the record of the hearings. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 414-272-6071 or by e-mail at [jkoth@aaaai.org](mailto:jkoth@aaaai.org).

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The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) are the largest professional medical specialty organizations in the United States representing allergists, asthma specialists, clinical immunologists, allied health professionals and others with a special interest in the research and treatment of allergic disease and whose primary interest is in optimal patient care.

The AAAAI and the ACAAI are grateful for the opportunity to comment on this important issue affecting patients who have a variety of important and prevalent diseases. This issue has broad implications including patient access to safe and effective medications, availability of insurance payments for these medications and has potential effects on the physician-patient relationship. Because of the importance and complexity of this issue and the time available to us to thoroughly discuss its ramifications, the Academy and College wish to withhold comment at this time and to reserve their right to provide input at a later time, if appropriate.